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## PAUL'S NOTE

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- \* Town Hall with Paul and Mayor Rothschild, April 9
- \* Mark your calendars: Our next community Shred-It event will be **April 26th** (Note new date)

I've gotten several calls and e-mails at the office from people who use Tucson Parks and Recreation's Leisure Classes. Many of you are concerned that the programs will be scaled back as part of the new budget.

The classes are an important social outlet for many citizens in our community, and the costs for instructors and materials are largely covered by the fees that are paid. Like many of you, I'd like to see this program continue.

I plan to relay your concerns about this program to the City Manager's office over the next couple of weeks as we discuss the budget further.

One of the goals for the city is to improve its "tree canopy." Aside from the aesthetic benefits, more trees along our roads, in our yards and even in our parking lots means lower utility bills and a more sustainable environment over all.

People who don't live here would probably be surprised to learn how useful our native palo verdes and mesquites are as shade trees.

Still, we have to deal with the realities of trees getting caught in power lines. In the past, Tucson Electric Power has trimmed trees into a "v" shape to get around the lines. It hasn't been good for the tree canopy we have been trying to establish.

In April, TEP will be removing the trees that get caught in power lines. In their place, they will be planting two shorter trees, such as screwbean mesquite, catclaw acacia and kidneywood, for every one removed. TEP has been working with Trees for Tucson on this program, which will cut maintenance costs for TEP and enhance our tree canopy.

The program is set to begin in April and TEP hopes to replace 100 trees.

I've got two sports notes. One is that our Wildcats did us proud. I would have loved to have made the trip to Texas to see them play in the Final Four. It wasn't to be this year. Still, our Cats did us proud.

Closer to home, my staff and I found some money to get an outfield fence for Palo Verde Little League. We worked with Jim Conroy of the Parks and Recreation Department as well as Earl Causbie with District 12 Little League. Next: we work on getting them a scoreboard.

I've had a few people come by the office to pick up cards for TESLA. A local video production house has also made a video to help entice the people at TESLA to come on down.

## PAUL'S NOTE, CONTINUED

If you'd like to pick up some cards to send to TESLA, come by my office at 7575 E Speedway. If I'm not there, my staff would be more than happy to help you.

The video, produced by Sparc Media with cooperation from Maker House and Solar City, can be found on YouTube at: <http://youtu.be/Spf-YBa1vRE>

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As always, have a great weekend.

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## WARD 2 OPEN HOUSE FEATURING THE MAYOR

Councilman Paul Cunningham invites you to attend a Ward 2 Open House

Ward 2 Tucson City Councilman Paul Cunningham will be hosting an open house featuring Mayor Jonathan Rothschild.

Councilman Cunningham and Mayor Rothschild will both give short presentations regarding Ward 2 and the state of the City followed by a question and answer session on Wednesday, April 9, 6 pm – 7:30 pm. The event will be at Eastside City Hall, 7575 East Speedway Blvd.

Light refreshments will be provided.



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## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Tucson/Pima County Household Hazardous Waste Program has changed the 2nd Saturday Outreach Collection to a “mobile” event. Every month, the collection event will be in a different neighborhood so that more Tucsonans will have easy access to the program. The 1st Saturday collection at the Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway, will still continue. The collections run from 8 am to noon. For more information, visit [www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw) or call 888-6947

**IMPORTANT:** Do not drop off household hazardous waste at the Ward 2 Council Office. We have no way of storing it. Please wait until a scheduled monthly drop off.

*1st Saturday:* Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway. Enter site by turning north on Prudence.

*2nd Saturday:* April: TOPSC Lower Lot, 4004 S Park Ave

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## HOUGHTON ROAD CONSTRUCTION

### Houghton Road: Broadway Intersection improvements

Schedule: Work started November 1, 2013, and should wrap up in June 2015.

The Walgreens driveway off Broadway will be reopened Wednesday, April 2. This will complete all the closures due to the water line work, and completes our water line work.

We will start the sewer line work on Monday, March 31, along Broadway on the west side of Houghton and on the south side of Broadway. This work will last one week and will include shifting traffic on Broadway (west of Houghton) to the north side of the road (toward the banks), and closing off one of the Broadway driveways near McDonald's. All the other driveways from Broadway to this shopping center will remain open.

We are installing storm drains and catch basins on the east side of Houghton, while traffic remains shifted to the west side of Houghton.

We are now working on the curbing, sidewalks and grading on the southwest corner of the intersection.

### Houghton Road: Broadway Intersection Park & Ride

This work will be starting in June.

### Houghton Road: Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street

Construction will start in June. This work should take between one year to 18 months to complete.

Utility relocations have already begun for this project. You will notice that Team Fischel is out relocating for Southwest Gas. TEP and TriCon are out relocating for TEP. Kleven is out relocating for CenturyLink. All their barricading has been coordinated with our contractor, Borderland Construction, to keep traffic moving smoothly and with the least amount of confusion possible.

If you have any amenities located in the right of way that you are concerned about, please contact MJ Dillard at 520-837-6616 or at [mj.dillard@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:mj.dillard@tucsonaz.gov) about these so we can make arrangements to handle these. We are contacting the property management companies that manage common areas for homeowners associations for this as well.

### Houghton Road: Irvington to Valencia

This project will be completed by the end of May, and is looking like it will be under budget and on schedule.

## SHRED-IT (NOTE NEW DATE— APRIL 26)



Your Ward 2 office and Shred-It is hosting another Shred-It event on April 26. Bring any of your material to be shredded, old bills, financial records, personal paperwork, to our parking lot from 8 am—11:30 and Shred-It will have its shredding trucks there to safely and securely destroy them for you.

The first reasonably sized box is free, but we ask that if you have any additional boxes, you bring a donation (either \$5 or an equivalent amount of non-perishable food) for the Community Food Bank.

Note: This event was previously scheduled for April 19, but had to be moved. We regret any inconvenience.

## UDALL CENTER INFORMATION

**Tax Help:** AARP Tax Aide is offering assistance at Udall Center from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. through April 14, 2014. Services are free and is on a first come first serve basis. Call 571-9884 for information.



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## PARKS PROGRAMS

**Leisure Classes:** The Summer 2014 Program Guide and Class Catalog will be available Monday, April 14, 2014 for free pick-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. The catalog will also be available for viewing on line at [www.ezeereg.com](http://www.ezeereg.com)

The catalog will have complete information on Parks and Recreation programs and classes, aquatics, sports, recreation center programs, and so much more. Contact Registration Services for any additional information, 791-4877. In addition, on March 30, 2014, the Arizona Daily Star will publicize a list of children's classes that will be offered in the Summer.

**Eggstravaganza:** The 15th Annual Eggstravaganza will be held at Mansfield Park on April 19 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The annual community-wide event is free and will include family fun activities including inflatables, egg hunts and music entertainment.

**Farmers Market:** The Tucson Farmers Market continues at Jesse Owens Park on Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The park is located at 400 S. Sarnoff Road, between Broadway and 22nd Street. The market has a variety of fresh produce and organic foods. Come out to the park and shop around for healthy and tasty foods.

**Spring Swim Schedule:** The swimming pools at Ft. Lowell Park (2900 N.Craycroft) and Udall Park (7200 E. Tanque Verde) are closed for the Winter months from November 10, 2014 through March 31, 2014. The pools will reopen and begin its Spring Schedule on April 1 2014. Visit [www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics) for pool hours or call 791-4245.

**Little League Opening Day:** It's that time of year again and the parks will be busy with league play! Opening Day for Pantano Little League in Jesse Owens Park and Frontier Little League in Ft. Lowell park will take place on March 29th, 2014. Opening day for Tanque Verde Little League in Udall Park will take place April 5, 2014. Come out the park and support the players.

### **University of Arizona Baseball:**

U/A versus Oregon State: Friday, March 28 at 7 pm; Saturday, March 29 at 4 pm; Sunday, March 30 at noon

U/A versus UCLA: Friday, April 11 at 7 pm; Saturday, April 12 at 7:30 pm; Sunday, April 13 at 4 pm

Visit [www.arizonawildcats.com](http://www.arizonawildcats.com) for any additional information. To purchase tickets, call 621-CATS or visit the website.

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Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office  
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable  
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—  
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals  
and Families in Need**

**LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses**

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/  
Dance Equipment**

**CASA MARIA—Plastic bags**

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 8. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

